THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down, Mr. Chatterjee. I am not allowing you. You cannot speak when I am on my legs.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You can overrule his point of order. But you must listen to his point of order first.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Before you were on your legs, I rose on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, I am giving my ruling. My ruling is that the Question Hour cannot be suspended. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, what is your ruling? I could not hear because of the shouting. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: We have not heard your ruling. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up the Question Hour. Shrimati Sudha Vijay Joshi.

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Question No. 21.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Wildlife sanctuaries

*21. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places in the country where wildlife sanctuaries are located;

(b) what steps are being taken to protect rare species of animals in those sanctuaries; and

(c) what are the proposals for setting up more wildlife sanctuaries in the countries?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix CXLII, Annure No. 1]

(b) The steps being taken to protect rare animal species in Wildlife sancturaries include:

(1) minimizing fire damage by preventing spread of fires and quickly controlling them.

(2) Improving habitat so that wild animals do not have to venture outside the sanctuary area to meet their food and water requirement.

(3) Restricting grazing by domestic cattle & fencing vulnerable point along a sanctuary's boundary.

(4) Increased deployment of protection staff in and around wildlife sanctuaries.

(5) Strengthening of communications by providing telephones wireless systems and vehicles in wildlife sanctuaries.

(6) Providing arms to staff engaged in protection of areas threatened by organised poaching.

(7) Involvement of local people, especially of tribal people in protection.

(8) Offering rewards to people helping in detection of poaching and other wildlife offences.

(c) the establishment of new wildlife sanctuaries is carried out by the State Governments.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour i over. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Madam, you have to allow the privilege motion now. (*Interruptions*)